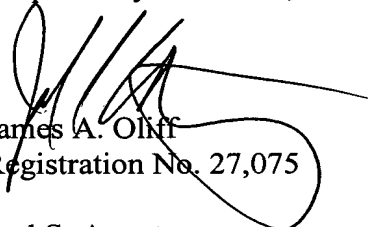


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Figures 2 and 3 in the drawings are replaced with the attached sheets and claims 3 - 4 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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